Reviews the Administration Report of the Marketing Department for the year 1965-66.

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1. Recorded.

2. Sri C. A. Jamkhandimath, Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Chief Marketing Officer and Controller of Weights and Measures, continued to be in charge of the Department during the year. Sri G. Giriyappa, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Marketing) held the post from 1st April 1965 to 15th July 1965 and afterwards Sri K. Nanjappa was placed in independent charge of the post from 27th July 1965 till 1st October 1965 and after the deletion of the post of Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Marketing) from the cadre strength of Co-operative Department, he was placed in independent charge of the newly created post of the Joint Chief Marketing Officer with effect from 1st October 1965 and later was promoted to officiate as Joint Chief Marketing Officer with effect from 31st December 1965. He continued to hold the post till the end of the year.

3. *Administration of the Acts.*—(*a*) *Agricultural Produce Markets Act.*—During the year under review the following four Agricultural Produce Markets Acts were in force :—

(1) The Mysore Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939,

(2) The Bombay Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939,

(3) The Hyderabad Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, Fasli 1339 and

(4) The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933.

During the year under review there were 89 Markets as against 88 during the previous year. There were 66 Sub-Markets during the year. During the year under review one Market was brought under the purview of the Markets Act. The year under review witnessed a substantial increase in overall arrivals of Regulated Commodities. The total income derived and the expenditure incurred during the year under review were Rs. 49,32,807 and Rs. 29,63,598 respectively leaving a surplus of Rs. 19,69,209 as against an income of Rs. 39,47,716 and expenditure of Rs. 23,38,401 and surplus of Rs. 16,09,315 during 1964-65.

(*b*) *Weights and Measures Act.*—During the year under review the Mysore Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958 was in force throughout the State. 10,09,331 units of Metric Weights and Measures and Weighing and Measuring instruments were tested and stamped and a sum of Rs. 5,36,861 was realised as stamping and licensing fees. 695 prosecutions were launched against the offenders of Weights and Measures Act all over the State during the year under review out of which 438 cases ended in conviction with a total fine of Rs. 19,407.

(*c*) *Warehouses Acts.*—The following Warehouses Acts were in force for regulation of warehousing business in the different regions of the State :—

(1) The Mysore Warehouses Act, 1951 ;

(2) The Bombay Warehouses Act, 1947 ;

(3) The Madras Warehouses Act, 1951;

(4) The Coorg Warehouses Act, 1951 and

(5) The Hyderabad Warehouses Regulation, 1958.

During the year under review, one more warehouse was opened and two warehouses were closed bringing the total number of State Warehouses to 39 and Central Warehouses to 8.

During the year under review, 6 more Primary Grading Units were established and grading of agricultural commodities on commercial basis was continued in all the 24 primary grading units.

(1) Grading of Atta was continued at Bangalore.

(2) *Eggs.*—Eggs were continued to be graded and during the year under report 42 poultry farms undertook grading of eggs on voluntary basis. The total number of eggs graded during the year under review were 29,63,208 as against 20,18,620 graded during the year 1964-65.

(3) *Oranges.*—The grading of oranges by the Coorg Orange Growers Co-operative Society was continued during the year 1965-66.

(4) *Honey.*—One honey grading station was started and one Government Honey grading station was fully equipped during the year under review.

Financial Assistance.—During the year, a total amount of Rs. 2,48,000 was given by way of loans to the Market Committees for the development of regulated markets as against Rs. 3,32,000 advanced during the previous year. A sum of Rs. 10,000 was given to K. R. M. A. C., Dharwar, as grant-in-aid for training of Market Committee staff and also for printing of Kannada bulletin.

Plan Schemes

The following Schemes of the Department were continued during the year under review :—

1. Integrated scheme for Improvement of Market Intelligence ;
2. Scheme for conducting Marketing Survey and Research ;
3. Scheme for development of Regulated Markets ;
4. Scheme for grading of Ghee, Butter and Edible Oils ;
5. Scheme for Warehousing ;
6. Scheme for grading of the Agricultural commodities in Regulated Markets and Marketing Co-operatives ;
7. Scheme for Training of Staff of Regulated Markets and Marketing Department ;
8. Scheme for Establishment and Development of Livestock Markets ;
9. Scheme for Experimental grading of Betelnut.

(*a*) *Integrated scheme for Improvement of Market Intelligence.*—The Scheme envisages the collection and dissemination of the market rates of important Agricultural Commodities through All India Radio, Bangalore and Dharwar and also publication of monthly news bulletins. During the year under review Market News and Market Intelligence in respect of all the 120 markets and 102 commodities have been covered. 8,000 copies of the Monthly Bulletin "Vyavasayothpannagala Vanijya Varthe" were printed and distributed to village panchayats, Government Institutions, Marketing Co-operative Societies and Regulated Markets, etc., in the State.

(*b*) *Scheme for conducting Marketing Survey and Research.*—Till the year under review eight survey reports and 3 brochures have been published and drafting of reports on marketing of mangoes, turmeric and sesamum and brochures on marketing of garlic, groundnuts have been completed.

(c) *Scheme for development of Regulated Markets.*—During the year under review, a sum of Rs. 2,48,000 w as given to 10 market committees for developmental works and a sum of Rs. 5,000 to each of the two newly started Market Committees towards their initial expenditure.

(d) *Scheme for grading of Ghee, Butter and Edible Oils.*—The oil grading Laboratory at Bijapur and Mangalore were fully equipped to start grading of groundnut oil and coconut oil respectively during the year under review. Honey grading unit in the Honey Grading Station, Mercara, was started and Government Honey Grading Station at Sirsi was fully equipped during the year.

(e) *Scheme for grading of Agricultural Commodities.*—Grading of Paddy, Ragi, Coconut, Cardamom, Arecanut, Cotton, Groundnut, Chillies and Jaggery were continued during the year under review.

(f) *Scheme for training of staff.*—During the year under review three Officers of the Marketing Department were deputed to one year course training at Nagpur conducted by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, Nagpur and 6 Market Secretaries were got trained at the Training Centres at Hyderabad and Sangli.

(g) *Scheme for establishment of Livestock Markets.*—A sum of Rs.10,000 each was given as subvention for the establishment of Livestock Markets at Raichur, Athani, Gadag, Saundatti and Gokak.

(h) *Scheme for Warehousing.*—During the year under review, one more warehouse was opened and two warehouses are closed.

(i) *Scheme for grading of Betelnuts.*—The Scheme was continued during the year under review.

GENERAL.

The Marketing Department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition, 1965. The Department also participated in the Congress Exhibition, 1966 held at Bangalore. Demonstrations and shows were also arranged in jatras.

During the year under review the uniform Markets Bill was passed by the State Legislature and was submitted to the President for his assent.

Grading activities have gathered momentum in the State.

The work of the Department during the year under review was satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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